AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16 (canceled)

17 (currently amended) A belt comprising:

a tape-shaped product including

(i) a tape of synthetic resin having longitudinal edges, and

(ii) extending along each of said longitudinal edges and integral with said tape, a stretched fibrous member of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains of said thermoplastic resin oriented longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous member obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous member to provide said stretched fibrous member with a tensile strength ~~greater~~substantially higher than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous member,

wherein said thermoplastic resin ~~is in the same family as~~and said synthetic resin comprise substantially identical resins, and

wherein each said stretched fibrous member is positioned inwardly of a corresponding said each of said longitudinal edges.

18 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 17, wherein ball-insetting holes are in said tape between said longitudinal edges.

19 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein said ball-insetting holes are disposed at equal intervals in a straight line.

20 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

21 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 20, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

22 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

23 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

24 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 19, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

25 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

26 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 18, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

27 - 33 (canceled)

34 (currently amended) The belt according to claim 17, wherein said thermoplastic resin and said synthetic resin comprise identical resins or include identical resins as principal components.

~~A belt comprising:~~

~~a tape-shaped product including~~

~~(i) a tape of synthetic resin having longitudinal edges, and~~

~~(ii) extending along each of said longitudinal edges and integral with said tape, a stretched fibrous member of thermoplastic resin including oriented molecular chains oriented longitudinally along said stretched fibrous member, said stretched fibrous member obtained by stretching a yet-unstretched fibrous member to provide said stretched fibrous member with a~~

~~tensile strength greater than a tensile strength of the yet-unstretched fibrous member;~~

~~wherein said synthetic resin and said thermoplastic resin comprise identical resins or include principal components of identical resins, and~~

~~wherein each said stretched fibrous member is positioned inwardly of a corresponding said each of said longitudinal edges.~~

35 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 34, wherein ball insetting holes are in said tape between said longitudinal edges.

36 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein said ball insetting holes are disposed at equal intervals in a straight line.

37 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

38 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 37, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

39 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein projections are disposed around said ball-insetting holes.

40 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament.

41 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 36, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

42 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein each said stretched fibrous

member is in a form of a monofilament.

43 (previously presented) The belt according to claim 35, wherein the belt has a tensile strength of at least 100 Mpa, and a thermal shrinkability of at most 1%.

44 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein said thermoplastic resin forming each said stretched fibrous member comprises polyester elastomer, and said synthetic resin forming said tape comprises polyester elastomer.

45 (new) The belt according to claim 44, wherein each said stretched fibrous member has a core/sheath structure including a core of a first polyester elastomer and a sheath of a second polyester elastomer exhibiting a melt flow rate higher than that of said first polyester elastomer forming said core.

46 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein said thermoplastic resin forming each said stretched fibrous member comprises 6/66 copolymer nylon, and said synthetic resin forming said tape comprises 6/66 copolymer nylon.

47 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein said thermoplastic resin forming each said stretched fibrous member comprises polyvinylidene fluoride, and said synthetic resin forming said tape comprises polyvinylidene fluoride.

48 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein said thermoplastic resin forming each said stretched fibrous member comprises polyester, and said synthetic resin forming said tape comprises polyester elastomer.

49 (new) The belt according to claim 17, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament of said thermoplastic resin.

50 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein each said stretched fibrous member is in a form of a monofilament of said thermoplastic resin.

51 (new) The belt according to claim 34, wherein each said stretched fibrous member and said tape are made of an identical resin.